



Islamic Institute of New York

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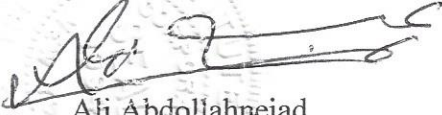
Alavi Foundation's Board of Directors,

I hope that this letter finds you in good health. I am writing to you on behalf of the center's religious leader, the Board of Trustees, Board of Directors, and congregation of the Islamic Institute of New York. I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank the Alavi Foundation for its past charitable contributions without which the Islamic Institute of New York would not have been able to function.

As it is widely known, the Islamic Institute of New York is a non-for-profit organization which offers religious and cultural services to Muslim communities in New York and the Tri-State area. During the past 17 years, we have grown from a small congregation to one with over 200 families. We offer daily and weekly religious services in addition to observance of the Holy months such as Ramadan and historical tragedies such as Muharram. In addition, cultural services such as the celebration of Nowrouz , Persian new year, Yalda, Persian winter solstice are provided for thousands of Iranians residing in New York City and its boroughs. We have a library, with thousands of books in variety of topics, which has encouraged children and adults to read books through different programs. While it is beyond the frames and context of this letter to demonstrate our services achieved through your financial support, interested individuals may refer to our website at: <http://iiny.org> to review a complete list of our activities.

Although the Muslim community in the United States, particularly in the New York and Tri-State area are making financial contributions to IINY, the Foundation's financial support remains the main and most vital source of survival for the center. Today, our center and community need the support of the Foundation more than ever, considering both the expansion of our services and the growth of our community. In absence of your charitable contributions, the center has to shut down completely or considerably reduce many of its social, cultural and religious services. IINY and its community pray to God to guard, guide, and protect the Foundation and never deprive our center and its members from the Foundation's charitable contributions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali Abdollahnejad', is written over a circular, faint watermark or seal. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ali Abdollahnejad,

President of IINY's Board of Directors